

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/066,243

Examiner

Oanh Duong

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/09/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/16/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20061028.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

1. Applicant's representative, Mitch Harris, authorized examiner to amend claim 1, including to delete "signal-bearing media" and add "computer readable storage medium" to overcome a possibility of 101 rejection; and to change the feature "said message" in claims 2, 11, 18, 20, and 27 to "said email message".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention as claimed. Claims 1, 10 and 19 specially include limitation based upon *responding to a detected customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of the e-mail message* (as defined in applicant's specification from page 9, line 1 to page 11 line 22 and Fig. 2). Although system and method for completing an e-mail transmission is firmly documented by cited prior art, the *responding to a detected customization setting, generating a user prompt to permit a user to automatically modify the text of the e-mail message limitations are novel and the invention is patentable.*

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mitch Harris (Registration No. 42,638) on October 27, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

The specification of the invention has been amended as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, in accordance with the following markup copy:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPLETING E-MAIL TRANSMISSIONS" serial number 09/811,497 (abandoned) filed on March 20, 2001, from which it claims priority, and is further related to U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPLETING E-MAIL TRANSMISSIONS BASED ON CONTENT DETECTION" serial number 10/038,261 (abandoned) 09/_____ filed on January 7, 2002 _____, 2004, which is a continuation in part of application serial number

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09/811,497 referenced above. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING E-MAIL TRANSMISSIONS BASED ON CONTENT DETECTION" serial number 10/062,739 ~~09/~~ filed on February 3, 2002 and issued as U.S. Patent 7,092,993 ~~concurrently herewith~~. All of the above applications are herein incorporated by reference.

The claims of the invention are amended as follows:

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
parsing said e-mail message to...

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein said program instructions further comprise program instructions for:
parsing said e-mail message to...

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 10, wherein said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said email message and wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said e-mail message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

19. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising ~~signal-bearing~~
media computer readable storage medium containing program instructions for...

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
parsing said e-mail message to...

27. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 19, wherein
said particular customization indicates a level of urgency of said e-mail message and
wherein said program instructions for modifying modify a subject line of said e-mail
message to include an indication of said level of urgency.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-
3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30PM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for
the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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